

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. – 86. (Cancelled Without Prejudice)

87. (New) In an audio/visual (AV) system, a method for navigation of menu options available to a user of the AV system, comprising:

 entering a graphical user interface (GUI) in a menu system that is displayed on a display;

 generating a signal for displaying a first navigable list of menu options on the display, the first navigable list of menu options having a plurality of fields arranged in a first linear configuration that overlays AV content currently playing on the display with one of the menu options shown at a location of the display that is highlighted; and

 responsive to a navigation command from a remote controller, moving the first navigable list of menu options of the GUI to cause another field of the plurality of fields to move to the location that is highlighted, and thus highlight the another field while continuing to display the AV content currently playing on the display.

88. (New) The method according to claim 87, further comprising:

 responsive to a navigation command from the remote controller, generating a signal for displaying a second navigable list of menu options associated with the highlighted field, the second navigable list of menu options arranged in a second linearly configured set of fields which intersect the first linear configuration of fields of the first navigable list of menu options at the highlighted location and overlaying the AV content currently playing on the display.

89. (New) The method according to claim 88, further comprising:

 navigating to a menu option of the second navigable list of menu options in response to a navigation command.

90. (New) The method according to claim 89, further comprising:

selecting the menu option of the second navigable list in response to a selection command from the remote controller, wherein the AV content currently playing on the display continues to play unless the menu option selected is a menu option that begins playing a different selection of AV content.

91. (New) The method according to claim 90, further comprising:

upon selection of the menu option from the second navigable list, ceasing the generating of the signals for displaying the first and second navigable list of menu options so that the first and second navigable list of menu options disappear from the display and taking an action associated with the menu selection.

92. (New) The method according to claim 88, wherein the first linear configuration of the first menu is oriented substantially horizontally, and the second linear configuration of the second menu is oriented substantially vertically.

93. (New) The method according to claim 88, wherein the first linear configuration of the first menu is oriented substantially vertically, and the second linear configuration of the second menu is oriented substantially horizontally.

94. (New) The method according to claim 88, wherein the first linear configuration of the first menu is oriented substantially at a right angle to the second linear configuration of the second menu.

95. (New) A television video display displaying first and second menus generated according to the process of claim 88.

96. (New) A tangible computer readable storage medium storing instructions which when executed on a programmed processor carry out a process for navigation of menu options available to a user of an audio/visual (AV) system, comprising:

instructions that enter a graphical user interface (GUI) in a menu system that is displayed on a display;

instructions that generate a signal for displaying a first navigable list of menu options on the display, the first navigable list of menu options having a plurality of fields arranged in a first linear configuration that overlays the AV content currently playing on the display with one of the menu options shown at a location of the display that is highlighted; and

instructions responsive to a navigation command from a remote controller, that move the first navigable list of menu options of the GUI to cause another field of the plurality of fields to move to the location that is highlighted, and thus highlight the another field while continuing to display the AV content currently playing on the television display.

97. (New) The storage medium according to claim 96, further comprising:

instructions responsive to a navigation command from the remote controller, that generate a signal for displaying a second navigable list of menu options associated with the highlighted field, the second navigable list of menu options arranged in a second linearly configured set of fields which intersect the first linear configuration of fields of the first navigable list of menu options at the highlighted location and overlaying the AV content currently playing on the display.

98. (New) The storage medium according to claim 97, further comprising:

instructions that navigate to a menu option of the second navigable list of menu options in response to a navigation command.

99. (New) The storage medium according to claim 98, further comprising:

instructions that select the menu option of the second navigable list in response to a selection command from the remote controller, wherein the AV content currently playing on the television display continues to play unless the menu option selected is a menu option that begins playing a different selection of AV content.

100. (New) The storage medium according to claim 99, further comprising:

instructions that upon selection of the menu option from the second navigable list, cease the generating of the signals for displaying the first and second navigable list of menu options so that the first and second navigable list of menu options disappear from the television display and taking an action associated with the menu selection.

101. (New) The storage medium according to claim 97, wherein the first linear configuration of the first menu is oriented substantially horizontally, and the second linear configuration of the second menu is oriented substantially vertically.

102. (New) The storage medium according to claim 97, wherein the first linear configuration of the first menu is oriented substantially vertically, and the second linear configuration of the second menu is oriented substantially horizontally.

103. (New) The storage medium according to claim 97, wherein the first linear configuration of the first menu is oriented substantially at a right angle to the second linear configuration of the second menu.

104. (New) In an audio/visual (AV) system, a method for navigation of menu options available to a user of the AV system, comprising:

entering a graphical user interface (GUI) in a menu system that is displayed on a display;

generating a signal for displaying a first navigable list of menu options on the display, the first navigable list of menu options having a plurality of fields arranged in a first linear configuration that overlays AV content currently playing on the display with one of the menu options shown at a location of the display that is highlighted;

responsive to a navigation command from a remote controller, moving the first navigable list of menu options of the GUI to cause another field of the plurality of fields to move to the location that is highlighted, and thus highlight the another field while continuing to display the AV content currently playing on the display;

responsive to a navigation command from the remote controller, generating a signal for displaying a second navigable list of menu options associated with the highlighted field, the second navigable list of menu options arranged in a second linearly configured set of fields which intersect the first linear configuration of fields of the first navigable list of menu options at the highlighted location and overlaying the AV content currently playing on the display;

navigating to a menu option of the second navigable list of menu options in response to a navigation command;

selecting the menu option of the second navigable list in response to a selection command from the remote controller, wherein the AV content currently playing on the display continues to play unless the menu option selected is a menu option that begins playing a different selection of AV content;

upon selection of the menu option from the second navigable list, ceasing the generating of the signals for displaying the first and second navigable list of menu options so that the first and second navigable list of menu options disappear from the display and taking an action associated with the menu selection; and

wherein the first linear configuration of the first menu is oriented substantially horizontally, and the second linear configuration of the second menu is oriented substantially vertically.